



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

PROTECTING OUR LAND, AIR, AND WATER



Governor Whitmer understands the health of our economy is inextricably linked to the health of our people and our planet. She will work with anyone to protect clean air and water and face climate change head-on while creating good-paying jobs for Michiganders.

Protecting our drinking water

- Signed [bipartisan legislation](#) to guarantee screening of all children for lead poisoning.
- Established [health-based standards for PFAS](#) and the strongest [Lead and Copper Rule](#) for drinking water in the country.
- Signed an executive directive to [improve Michigan's drinking water protections](#).

Investing billions in water infrastructure

- Launched the [MI Clean Water Plan](#) and invested over \$2 billion to upgrade drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater facilities across the state, supporting 30,000 jobs.
- Signed the [Building Michigan Together Plan](#) that invested nearly \$2 billion, supporting 27,000 jobs, to remove lead service lines, reduce toxic contaminants like PFAS and lead, rebuild water infrastructure, protect groundwater resources, and so much more.
- Signed a [FY 2024 budget](#) investing nearly \$600 million to protect drinking water and upgrade water infrastructure.
- Also [secured](#) \$83.9 million for drinking water quality assurance initiatives.
- Took action to [replace all lead water service lines](#) in the City of Benton Harbor in under 18 months at no cost to residents.
- Signed a [package of bills](#) to help communities access funding for water infrastructure.
- Signed the [Water Shut-Off Protection Act](#) ensuring access to water during COVID-19.
- [Secured](#) \$95 million to protect families from water shutoffs and [support](#) local water affordability programs.

Building a pathway for environmental justice

- Worked with Attorney General Nessel to achieve the [largest settlement](#) in Michigan history for Flint's children and families, totaling over \$600 million.
- Created the [Offices of the Clean Water and Environmental Justice Public Advocate](#) and created an [environmental justice screening tool](#).
- [Secured](#) \$20 million to enhance air quality and remediate sites in historically disadvantaged communities.

Defending the Great Lakes and our waters

- Took action to [revoke and terminate the easement](#) that allowed Enbridge Energy to run its dual oil pipelines through the Straits of Mackinac.
- [Deployed](#) and [secured](#) funds to keep dangerous, invasive carp out of the Great Lakes.
- Made and proposed [historic investments](#) to protect the Great Lakes from pollution, [revitalize wetlands](#), support conservation districts, [protect groundwater](#), [remove dams](#), and more

Putting Michigan on a path to a cleaner economy

- Launched the [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#), to lower costs, create jobs, and make Michigan 100% carbon neutral by 2050.
- Led by example by deploying clean energy at state facilities and powering state government with [100% renewable energy](#).
- Signed bipartisan [budgets](#) investing [millions](#) in climate-resilient infrastructure, [Michigan's Greenbank](#), and clean energy for state facilities, families, and small businesses.
- [Signed an FY24 budget](#) with hundreds of millions to act on climate, including funding for schools to purchase electric school buses and incentives for communities to host renewable energy.
- Signed [legislation](#) to help Michigan communities foster clean energy, lower costs.
- [Called on](#) the legislature to pass bills making Michigan a national leader in clean energy with a 100% clean energy standard and more.

Expanding Access to Outdoor Recreation

- Signed the [Building Michigan Together Plan](#) to invest \$450 million in [state](#) and local [parks](#) and an [FY 2023 budget](#) investing more than \$40 million in local park projects.
- Invested over \$100 million in parks and public lands through DNR programming.
- Created the [Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry](#) to grow Michigan's outdoor industry.
- [Established](#) Nature Awaits to give every 4th grader a free field trip to a state park or recreation area so that every kid can experience Pure Michigan.